

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 26-57 are pending in the current application, with claims 12-25 being cancelled and claims 30-57 being newly presented for examination in this Amendment. Claims 1-29 currently stand rejected, and claims 1-11 and 26-29 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 and 26-57 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Examiner rejects the claims for lacking any indication that the function is imparted by data structures on a “computer readable medium” and not paper or in a person’s mind. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claims 1, 26, and 27, Applicants initially note that the claims, and all claims depending therefrom, have been amended to recite a “computer readable medium” that stores the data structure imparting the reproduction function recited in the claim. Thus, In the language of MPEP § 2106.01, claims 1, 26, and 27 are directed to a computer-readable medium storing a data structure defining structural and functional interrelationships between the storing areas, playlist files and contents thereof, and the computer

software and hardware components which permit the recited reproduction to be realized, and is thus statutory.

Because claims 1, 26, and 27 as amended recite functional descriptive material stored on a “computer readable medium,” the claims recite statutory subject matter. Claims 2-11 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-17, 21-24, and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat Pub 2002/0164152 to Kato et al. (“Kato”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner alleges that Kato teaches each and every feature of this claim. Applicants note that claim 1 has been amended to recite that the playitem of the data structures includes **navigation information “for reproducing presentation data** from the first file” and that the presentation data includes the “still picture and associated data” and is “divided into still picture units in the first file such that each still picture unit includes a still picture and associated data.” Where Kato discusses playitems and their contents, none of the disclosed domains pointed to by the playitems include associated data or presentation data divided as recited; rather, Kato teaches that playitems include only content, such as AV or audio, or markers

for starting and ending points of the content. See Kato, ¶ [0184]; FIG. 7. Thus, Kato does not teach or suggest the playitems containing the navigation data as recited.

Because Kato fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 1 as amended, Kato cannot anticipate or render obvious this claim. Claims 26-29 are equally allowable over Kato at least for reciting the same unique feature discussed above. Claims 2-4 and 8-11 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-4, 8-11, and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5-7 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of US Pat Pub 2005/0163463 to Schick et al. (“Schick”). Claims 13 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of US Pat 6,122,436 to Okada et al. (“Okada”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons detailed below.

Schick and Okada do not cure, nor does the Examiner apply them for curing, the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Kato discussed above with respect to claim 1. Particularly, none of Schick or Okada teach anything about the contents of playitems pointing to presentation data having partitioning as recited in claim 1. Because Kato, alone or in combination with Schick and Okada, fail to disclose each and every element of claim 1, these references cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claims 5-7 are allowable at least

for depending from a base claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

New Claims 30-57

Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 30-57 newly presented for examination in this Amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the allowability of claims 26-29 discussed above, claims 30-57 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-11 and 26-57 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

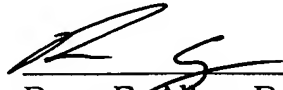
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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